

Memorandum to: PAC Panel

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Subject: Review of the 117L System

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Several issues essential to technical development of the SAMOS Satellite System appear unspecified at this time. They are particularly interagency matters:

(1) Clear position by the State Department and other foreign relations bodies on the intention to experiment with fairly low altitude satellites.

2) Scheduling assistance from weather surveying facilities of various parts of the Government would perhaps involve immediate utilization of further TIROS satellites.

Since the operation of these satellites ~~would~~ would also involve some of the issues implied in item (1), there is some feeling that ~~the~~ NASA for this and other reasons is at present only loosely coupled to this need.

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